

NOTICE of DECISION
for the
Greenhorn Blowdown, Spruce Beetle
and Forest Management Project

USDA-Forest Service
San Isabel National Forest – San Carlos Ranger District
Custer, Huerfano and Pueblo Counties, Colorado

On July 25, 2011, Paul Crespin, District Ranger, San Carlos Ranger District of the Pike San Isabel National Forest, signed a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact to implement Alternative B (the proposed action) as described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Greenhorn Blowdown, Spruce Beetle and Forest Management Project.

Alternative B takes advantage of the existing road system on Greenhorn Mountain to salvage trees killed by spruce beetle and those affected by the wind event in order to recover economic value from forest products and provide the funding needed to regenerate heavily impacted stands. This alternative is also designed to create conditions less favorable to future spruce beetle infestations in adjacent healthy stands by reducing the density of live trees, diversifying the stand structure, and initiating seedling regeneration. The following timber management treatments are proposed for approximately 7,000 acres of forested lands within the analysis area.

The Environmental Assessment and other analysis documents are available on request from the San Carlos Ranger District, 3028 E. Main, Canon City, CO 81212. All documents and maps may also be viewed on-line at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/psicc>

Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.10, individuals or organizations who submitted substantive comments or otherwise expressed interest during the comment period (215.6) may appeal this decision. Any written appeal must be filed with the Appeals Deciding Officer (215.8) within 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the *Pueblo Chieftain*, published daily in Pueblo, Colorado. It is the responsibility of the appellant to ensure their appeal is received in a timely manner. The publication date of this legal notice of the decision in the *Pueblo Chieftain* is the *exclusive* means for calculating the time to file an appeal (215.15). Appellants should not rely on date or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Paper appeals must be mailed or hand-delivered to:
USDA, Forest Service
Rocky Mountain Regional Office
ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer
740 Simms Street
Golden, Colorado 80401

Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Electronic appeals must be submitted:

by e-mail to: appeals-rocky-mountain-regional-office@fs.fed.us

or Faxed to: Appeals Deciding Officer at 303-275-5075

In electronic appeals, the subject line should contain the name of the project being appealed. An automated response will confirm your electronic appeal has been received. Electronic appeals must be submitted in MS Word, Word Perfect, or Rich Text Format (RTF).
